appropriate action against the erring employees. Further, Banks have been advised to take appropriate steps for putting in place a suitable contingency plan to deal with the eventuality of a strike, in future.

Vigilance on use of official stationery

3211. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA:
SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the huge wastage of official stationery items in Government offices and the fact that crores of rupees can be saved if a strict vigilance on the use of official stationery is kept;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) to (c) Expenditure on stationery generally forms part of "office expenses" which is controlled through budgetary ceilings. Ministry of Finance has been from time to time emphasizing the need to observe utmost economy in Government expenditure. Under Rule 64 of the General Financial Rules, the Secretary in-charge of a Ministry/Department is responsible to *inter alia*, ensure control on wasteful expenditure. Beyond this, there are no specific instructions specially covering stationery items. Hence, this is a matter in which individual Ministries/Departments have to take necessary action.

Disbursal of loans under PMRY to Andhra Pradesh

3212. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 2299, given in the Rajya Sabha on the 14th March, 2006 and state:

(a) what are the reasons for not disbursing even 50 per cent of nearly 42,000 applications in 2004-05 and 18,000 in 2005-06 submitted under PMRY during 2004-05 and 2005-2006 (up to December, 2005) in the State of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) what is the criteria followed in finalizing the applications;

(c) the amount sanctioned under PMRY to the State of Andhra Pradesh during the last five years, year-wise; and